

work to be done on Sabine River, upon the execution of a new one by the parties herein mentioned.

Mr. Throckmorton moved a suspension of the call of the Senate—lost.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 21, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Russell, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported—

A bill to authorize the County Court of Wharton county to levy a special tax: and

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Houston Tap and Brazoria Railway company, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Taylor of Houston, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills correctly enrolled, and that they had been signed by the proper officers, and were presented to the Governor for his approval on the 19th inst., viz:

A bill to create the 19th Judicial District, &c.;

A bill for the relief of Lazaro Gariza; and

A bill supplemental to and amendatory of an act to regulate Railroad companies, approved February 7, 1853.

Mr. Paschal, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill to amend the charter of the Texas Western Railroad Company, reported a substitute therefor, and recommended its adoption and passage.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, Mr. Quinan was excused from attendance on the Senate during the present week.

On motion of Mr. Russell, Mr. Herbert was excused from attendance on the Senate for ten days.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Houston, the Senate took a recess of five minutes, preparatory to the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

At the expiration of the time, the Senate was called to order, and on motion of Mr. Potter, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

IN JOINT SESSION.

Roll called—quorum present—Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fontaine, Chaplain of the Senate.

Governor E. M. Pease arose and delivered the following valedictory address :

[See Appendix.]

The oath of Office was then administered by Chief Justice Hemphill to Hardin R. Runnels, Governor elect, and Frank R. Lubbock, Lieut. Governor elect.

The Speaker of the House then introduced the Hon. H. R. Runnels, who delivered the following inaugural address :

[See Appendix.]

After which, Frank R. Lubbock, Lieutenant Governor, delivered the following inaugural address :

[See Appendix.]

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Houston, the Senate retired to their Chamber, and the Hon. F. R. Lubbock, on taking the Chair, made the following remarks.

Senators :

I enter upon my duties as presiding officer of the Senate with the consciousness of a want of experience in Legislative proceedings ; yet determined to devote whatever of capacity I may possess to their faithful and impartial discharge.

The want of parliamentary knowledge upon my part, will be the more apparent from the fact that this honorable body has invariably been presided over by gentlemen of large experience and acknowledged ability.

I am pleased to know that a majority of those over whom I am called to preside, have served long and well in public life, and understand fully parliamentary laws and the rules of this body. To those I will look for aid and support in the proper discharge of my official duties.

If honorable Senators will give me that assistance which I have every reason to think they will, I trust we shall be able to perform our labors faithfully, pleasantly, and for the advancement of the public good.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, moved that one thousand copies of the addresses delivered by Governor Runnels and Lieut. Governor Lubbock, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Britton, the motion was amended by adding the prayer of the Chaplain, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolutions, with a few eloquent remarks on the character of the deceased:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound regret of the death of Hiram G. Runnels, a member elect of this Senate, from the county of Harris.

2d. That in this melancholy event the country has sustained an irreparable loss. He was a gentleman distinguished by his public services; by his enlightened views of public policy; by his unflinching devotion to the interests of the country, and by his tried patriotism.

3d. That we tender to the family of the deceased our sincere condolence in this their sad bereavement.

4th. That the Senate will manifest their respect for the memory of the deceased by wearing the usual badge of mourning, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

5th. That the Senate now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Herbert, on seconding the resolutions, also made a few appropriate remarks, when the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

TUESDAY, December 22, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Graham, from the committee on State Affairs, to which was referred a bill to exempt certain property from execution and forced sale, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage without amendment.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill for the relief of A. F. Pickett; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Taylor, of Houston, introduced a bill to better define the mode of taking testimony to be read in evidence in the trial of causes in the District and other courts of this State; read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to authorize the sale of the Public Domain being under consideration when the Senate adjourned on Saturday, and not being reached on yesterday, was taken up.